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NEW ROSES for 1920

WE offer to you for 1920 these new Roses, which are not only new, but, we believe, better. They are not only distinct from each other, but are also distinct from any other varieties now in commerce. To the Montgomery Company, who raised Mrs. Charles Russell and Hadley, must go the credit for Crusader and Pilgrim. To the old rose veteran, John Cook, goes the honor of having raised the seedling which he has chosen to name Mrs. John Cook. All these Roses are growing in large quantities in Cromwell, and from Cromwell we shall disseminate these sterling novelties. We invite you here to see them.

CRUSADER. (Montgomery.) A big, strong-growing variety, robust and rugged in every characteristic. The growth is heavy and the flower stems are strong and heavy, producing very little blind wood. It is free growing and free flowering, and the blooms are truly characteristic of the variety—big and double, and, in color, a rich, velvety crimson. These large, heavily petaled blooms open perfectly and are amply supported by the strong-necked, heavy flower growths. Crusader takes water well and will keep under almost any conditions. The plant is free from canker and does not show any tendency to die at the union of scion and stock. It breaks freely from the hard wood and is a strong-growing, free-flowering red Rose.

PILGRIM. (Montgomery.) In color, a beautiful shade of bright rose-pink. The bud, which opens perfectly, is long and of ideal form. Pilgrim is a Rose of good substance and petalage, and at any stage of development is perfect in color and form of flower. Its pronounced tea fragrance will attract all rose lovers. It is prolific and highly productive of first quality blooms. The stems are straight and strong, and there is no tendency to weaken at the neck. It takes water freely, and this quality makes it a good Rose for the store man, as it will keep when cut and retain its color and fragrance. It is a wonderful grower, propagates easily, grafts nicely, grows freely, and throws strong bottom canes early, making heavy, profitable plants on the bench in a very short time. It makes little blind wood and is comparatively free from disease, resisting black-spot and mildew to a great extent. It is the pink Rose to grow.

MRS. JOHN COOK. (John Cook.) White, suffused with delicate pink, describes the color of this strong-growing, big-flowered daughter of Ophelia. The color varies with the season, the flush of pink being more pronounced during cool weather, while the Rose is almost white during the long days of bright sunshine. In bud it is nicely formed, the mature flower opening cup-shaped but expanding fully to a large and finely-formed bloom. It is a strong-growing plant on the bench, comes away quickly, and the growths are strong, making a big plant which is very prolific. To the grower who needs a white Rose, who can overlook a flush of pink, and who fails with Double White Killarney, this new Rose will prove a boon. To the grower who grows White Killarney well, Mrs. John Cook may also be welcome. It is bigger and better in summer, and, with its delicate pink in dark weather, is a very charming color.

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